



Sound Transit Long-Range Plan Update

Seattle City Council
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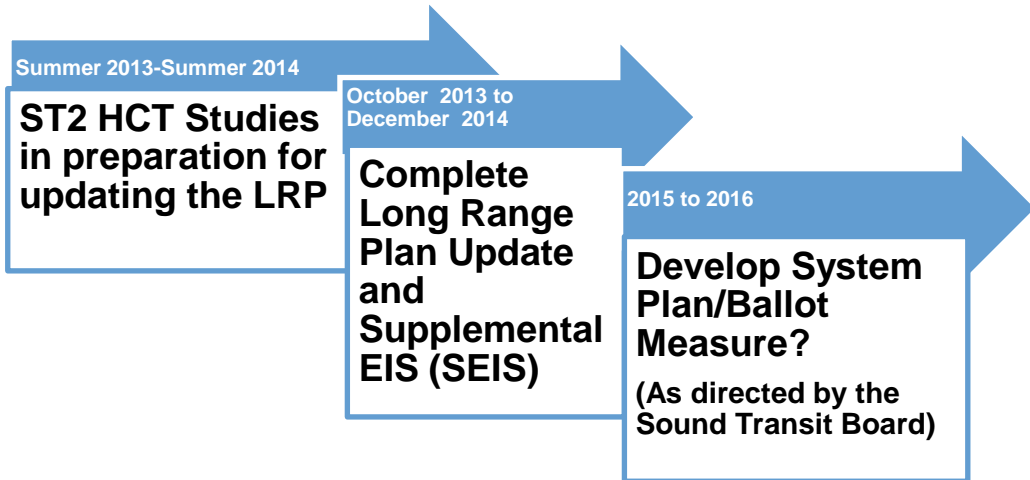


Terminology

- **Long-Range Plan:** The Long-Range Plan (LRP) is **the Board-adopted vision for what a regional HCT system is**, and how it should serve the region in the long term. It is financially unconstrained, and provides the source material for developing next set of capital investments to expand the existing system. Updating this plan is the Board's first decision point next year.
- **HCT Corridor Studies:** In 2008, the Board included a **set of HCT Corridor studies in the ST2 Plan** in order to lay the groundwork for future system expansion beyond ST2. They are intended to document HCT concepts in the region's primary travel corridors. Information generated by these studies will inform the Board's update to the Long-Range Plan. The studies **are not meant to limit the Board's scope of review** during the LRP update.
- **System Plan:** The system plan **identifies the next increment of HCT expansion** beyond the existing ST2 system. Sound Transit has had two HCT System Plans to date: Sound Move and Sound Transit 2. By law, the Board must consider multiple alternatives before taking action. Adopting a third System Plan is the final decision the Board would make prior to calling an election; as such, it would be the subject of a future ballot measure.

System Planning Schedule

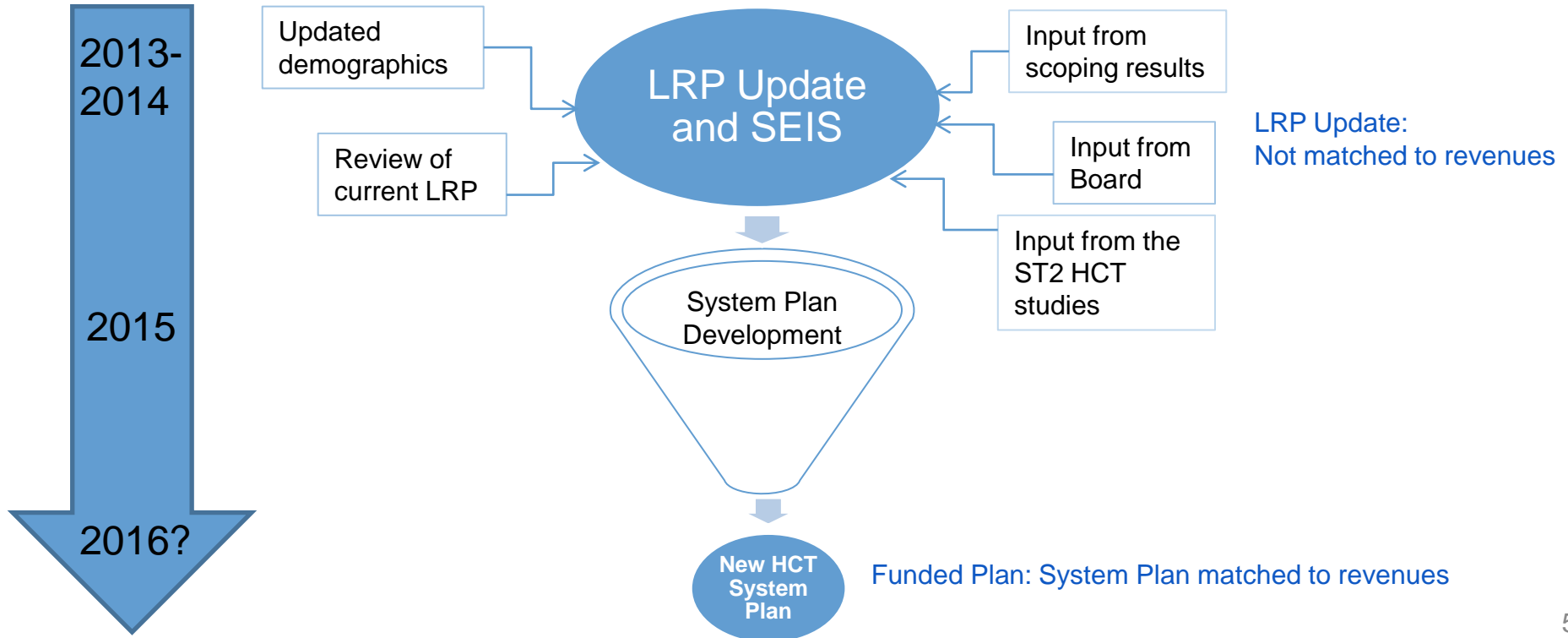
- Sound Transit Board of Directors instructed staff to begin planning for next possible HCT system plan in December 2012.
- Work planning and procurement activities were conducted from January 2013-September 2013.
- **Projects and services that can be included in the LRP are not limited to the corridors explored in the HCT studies.**



Long-Range Plan and SEPA SEIS Timeline (DRAFT)



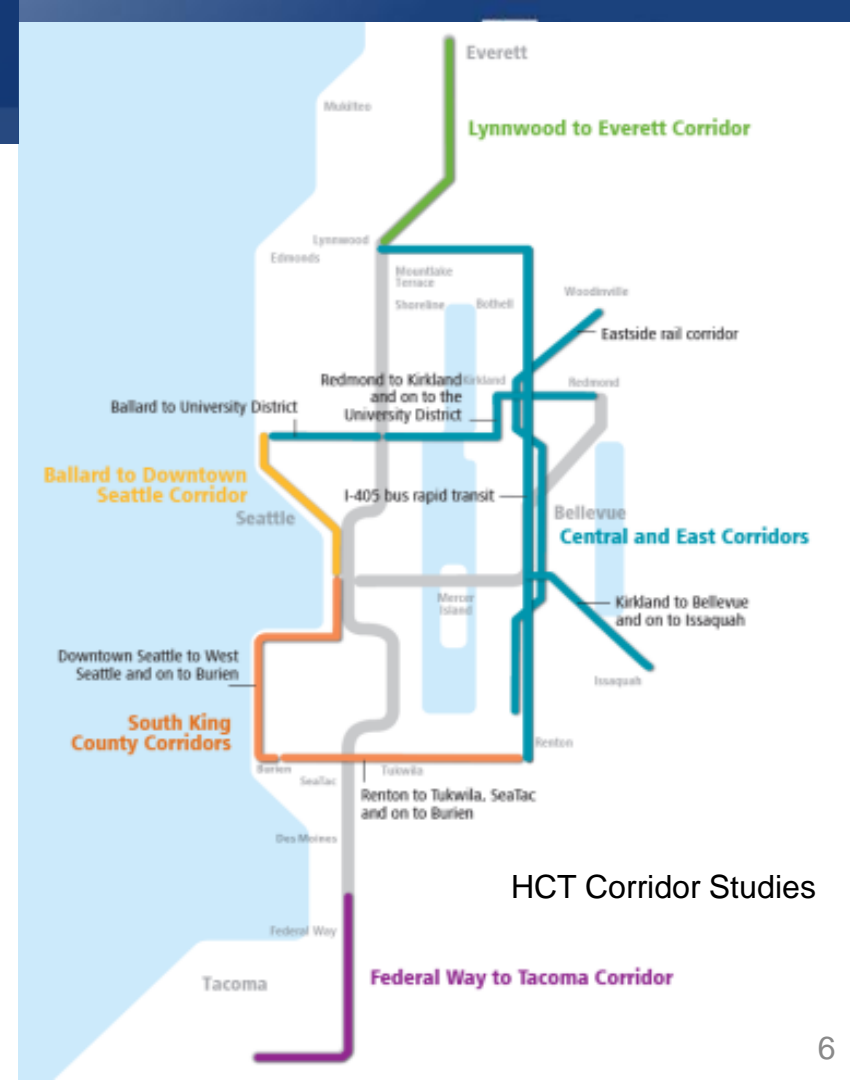
HCT System Plan Process



High Capacity Transit (HCT) Studies Per ST2

- **City of Seattle:**
 - Ballard to Downtown Seattle (Partnership with City):
 - Public Meeting December 5, 2013
 - Downtown Seattle to West Seattle, on to Burien
 - Ballard to the University District
 - University District east across 520
- **Examining:**
 - Potential routes, station areas, and profiles
 - Modes
 - Conceptual-level operating and capital costs
 - Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) opportunities
 - Ridership potential
 - Environmental effects

**... What else should be studied in the
LRP SEIS?**



HCT Corridor Studies

How will the LRP be Updated?

- *Unconstrained* look at how regional transit system could grow
 - No fiscal or time constraint
 - Plan-level SEIS: environmental impacts at a higher level than for a project level SEIS
- Update goals and objectives
- LRP SEIS will address projects & services:
 - From the ST2 HCT studies
 - Included in the 2005 LRP
 - As directed by the Board
 - ***Suggested during the scoping process***

What alternatives will be studied in the LRP SEIS?

No Action Alternative: The existing LRP updated to reflect projects in ST2

LRP Update Alternative:

- New or modified HCT corridors
- Possible annexation or expansion of new areas to the District
- Specific technologies by corridor
 - Link Light Rail
 - Bus Rapid Transit or ST Express Bus
 - Sounder Commuter Rail
- Programs
 - Multimodal System Access (Park and Ride lots, Bicycle/Ped access)
 - Policies
- Other possibilities?

SEIS Scoping Process: October 25-November 25

- *Seeking input on alternatives and scope of analysis for updating the existing LRP as well as goals and objectives*
 - Opportunity for public, jurisdictions, and agencies to participate
- 6 public scoping meetings
- Agency coordination and scoping meeting
 - Additional Agency coordination meetings throughout 2014

Scoping Meetings

Agency/Jurisdictions Scoping Meeting:

- November 8, 9.30-11:30 a.m. Union Station, Sound Transit Boardroom

Public Scoping Meetings: All meetings except Nov. 21 are from 5:30 to 8 p.m. with a presentation at 6:15 p.m.

- **Seattle—Tuesday, Nov. 12** Seattle University Campion Ballroom 914 E. Jefferson St., Seattle
- **Federal Way—Wednesday, Nov. 13** Federal Way Community Center 876 S. 333rd St., Federal Way
- **Redmond—Thursday, Nov. 14** Redmond Marriott 7401 164th Ave. N.E., Redmond
- **Tacoma—Monday, Nov. 18** Tacoma Convention Center 1500 Broadway, Tacoma
- **Everett—Tuesday, Nov. 19** Eisenhower Middle School 10200 25th Ave. S.E., Everett
- **Seattle—Thursday, Nov. 21 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Union Station, Sound Transit Boardroom

Sound Transit Long-Range Plan, as adopted in 2005*



Next Steps

- LRP SEIS Scoping: October 25-November 25
- Results from Scoping Process: December 2013
 - Board review and input on alternatives to be studied in SEIS



